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History of the Ohio Canals.—The history of the development of our transportation would lack an important chapter should it fail to give due prominence to the Ohio canals. They were constructed by the people of that State at a tremendous cost of money, energy and sacrifice, not to reap a direct money return on the investment, but because the canals were needed to provide transportation, stimulate industry, and develop the young State. Two graduates of the Ohio State University, Messrs. C. P. McClelland and C. C. Huntington, have written a complete account of the canals, their origin and construction, the abandonment of some of them, their financial record, and a full statement of the economic value of the canal system to the people of Ohio. The monograph has been approved by the Ohio State Archæological and Historical Society, Columbus, which has published the book. The book contains 181 pp., with a map of the Ohio canals, and is sold at \$1.10; in paper, 85 cents.

Mittelmeerbilder. Gesammelte Abhandlungen zur Kunde der Mittelmeerländer. Von Dr. Theobald Fischer. vi and 480 pp. B. G. Teubner, Leipzig, 1906. (Price, M. 6.)

Many geographers are aware that the special field of study which Dr. Fischer has occupied for the past third of a century has been the Mediterranean lands. He has made at least a score of journeys, long or short, in the countries bordering the Mediterranean from the Bosphorus to the southwest coast of Morocco. This book is a collection of some of the contributions he has made to the knowledge of these lands. The articles appeared in scientific or popular magazines and newspapers and nearly all the descriptions are based upon personal observation. Five of the papers were written within the past five years; the others at intervals between 1870 and 1900. The older papers have been brought up to date in all respects in which they might, in their original form, give erroneous impressions. Five of the papers deal with Constantinople and other parts of the Turkish domain. A fine, condensed description of Palestine, describing, as only a trained geographer may do, the physical features, climate, plant life, population, industrial conditions, and government of the land, fills 80 pages. Italy receives similar treatment in 82 pages, 19 pages are given to the Iberian peninsula, and a series of eight articles on the Atlas lands covers 202 pages or nearly half the book. While the purpose of these writings was to reach a far wider circle than the ranks of geographers may supply, they are the first rate product of a man of science who expresses the hope in his preface that most of them contain much of interest even for the specialist. The book is to be especially commended to those who desire to read a clear and authoritative summing up of the leading characteristics of these various countries.

Philippine Life in Town and Country. By James A. Le Roy. x and 311 pp. 16 Illustrations, Map and Index. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York 1906.

One of the series of "Our Asiatic Neighbours." The author avoids politics and endeavours to set forth the Filipinos as they are. It is impossible, however, to present the national and tribal aspects of the natives without, at least, grazing the edge of political questions. Mr. Le Roy by the word "Filipinos" means the Christianised inhabitants, who constitute nine-tenths of the total population. To the Filipinos, thus defined, most of the book is given, to the exclusion of the pagan and more or less savage tribes and of the Mohammedan Malays (Moros). In the second chapter, however, he shows the probably close connection of the Moros